

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 were pending when an Office Action was mailed September 10, 2004. The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 2, 4, 12-15, 24, 34, 35, 44, and 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and objected to Claims 3, 5-11, 16-23, 26-33, and 36-43. By way of this amendment, Applicant hereby amends Claims 3, 5, 12, 16, 17, 26, 27, 36, and 37 and cancels Claims 1, 2, 4, 14, 15, 24, 25, 34, 35, 44, and 45. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.111, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 4, 12-14, 24, 34, 44, and 45 as being anticipated by Yount et al. (Yount). The Office Action states that Yount discloses one pair of computer system (REMA) and flight control modules (FCM) both coupled to a plurality of line replaceable units (ACE).

Applicant hereby cancels the rejected, non-objected to claims and amends the remaining claims in accordance with the noted allowable subject matter.

Because Claims 3, 5, 12, 16, 17, 26, 27, 36, and 37 are now in independent form they are allowable. The remaining claims depend from allowable independent claims therefore they are allowable for the same reasons that make their corresponding independent claim allowable.


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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the examiner has any questions, the examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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